

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
LESLIE COUNTY
CLERK**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2009**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE LESLIE COUNTY CLERK

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2009**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Leslie County Clerk's audit for the year ended December 31, 2009. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees decreased by \$29,434 from the prior year, resulting in excess fees of \$71,287 as of December 31, 2009. Revenues decreased by \$260,500 from the prior year and expenditures decreased by \$231,066.

Lease Agreements:

Capital lease principal agreements totaled \$2,592 as of December 31, 2009. Future principal and interest payments of \$2,592 are needed to meet these obligations.

Deposits:

The County Clerk's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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The Honorable Jimmy Sizemore, Leslie County Judge/Executive
The Honorable James Lewis, Leslie County Clerk
Members of the Leslie County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Leslie County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2009. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 14, 2011 on our consideration of the Leslie County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The Honorable Jimmy Sizemore, Leslie County Judge/Executive
The Honorable James Lewis, Leslie County Clerk
Members of the Leslie County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Clerk and Fiscal Court of Leslie County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

February 14, 2011

LESLIE COUNTY
JAMES LEWIS COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

Revenues

State Fees For Services	\$	6,556
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Revenue Supplement		57,376
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Fiscal Court		8,691
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Licenses and Taxes:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$	393,613
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Usage Tax		388,733
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Tangible Personal Property Tax		690,807
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Lien Fees		6,936
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Notary Fees		988
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Other-

Fish and Game Licenses		9,694
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Marriage Licenses		4,012
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Deed Transfer Tax		5,709
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Delinquent Tax	175,681	1,676,173
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Fees Collected for Services:

Recordings-

Deeds, Easements, and Contracts		12,251
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Real Estate Mortgages		10,365
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Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements		24,662
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Powers of Attorney		1,190
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All Other Recordings		34,921
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Charges for Other Services-		6,460
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Candidate Filing Fees		1,550
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Copywork	20,191	111,590
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Other:

Overpayments		7,429
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LESLIE COUNTY
 JAMES LEWIS , COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009
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Revenues (Continued)

Interest Earned	\$ 459
Total Revenues	1,868,274

Expenditures

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$ 295,154	
Usage Tax	375,847	
Tangible Personal Property Tax	275,625	\$ 946,626

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Fish and Game Licenses	9,234	
Housing Fund	12,444	
Delinquent Tax	18,854	
Legal Process Tax	10,096	50,628

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax	84,167	
Delinquent Tax	26,409	
Deed Transfer Tax	5,424	
Tax Preparation	1,918	117,918

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax	303,389	
Delinquent Tax	88,751	392,140

Payments to Sheriff	2,665
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Payments to County Attorney	26,286
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 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES – REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2009
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Expenditures (Continued)

Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-			
Deputies' Salaries	\$	127,215	
Part-Time Salaries		1,326	
Contracted Services-			
Fax, Phone, etc.		1,384	
Bank Charges		347	
Materials and Supplies-			
Office Supplies		1,921	
Other Charges-			
Conventions and Travel		6,252	
Dues		540	
Postage		2,439	
Credit Card Fees		662	
Miscellaneous		9,725	
Uncollected Bad Checks		1,725	
Refunds		9,687	
HAVE Promotion (Note 7)		1,500	\$ 164,723
Capital Outlay-			
Office Equipment		6,313	
Computer Programming		6,127	12,440
Debt Service:			
Lease Payments			2,345
Total Expenditures			<u>\$ 1,715,771</u>
Net Revenues			152,503
Less: Statutory Maximum			<u>74,088</u>
Excess Fees			78,415
Less: Expense Allowance		3,600	
Training Incentive Benefit		3,528	<u>7,128</u>
Excess Fees Due County for 2009			71,287
Payments to Fiscal Court -			
February 28, 2010		55,000	
May 25, 2010		11,282	<u>66,282</u>
Balance Due Fiscal Court			<u>\$ 5,005</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LESLIE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2009

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the County Clerk as determined by the audit. KRS 64.152 requires the County Clerk to settle excess fees with the fiscal court by March 15 each year.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting, revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive), at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2009 services
- Reimbursements for 2009 activities
- Payments due other governmental entities for December tax and fee collections and payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2009

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Clerk's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2009
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute.

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 are required to contribute 6.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 13.50 percent for the first six months and 16.17 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Nonhazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 must meet the rule of 87 (members age plus years of service credit must equal 87, and the member must be a minimum of 57 years of age) or the member is age 65, with a minimum of 60 months service credit.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 3. Deposits

The Leslie County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the County Clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the County Clerk's deposits may not be returned. The Leslie County Clerk does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of December 31, 2009, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

LESLIE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2009
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Note 4. Library and Archives Grant

The Leslie County Clerk received a local records microfilming grant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the amount of \$10,000 during 2007. The purpose of the grant was to convert images providing access to all county's records dating back to 1878. As of January 1, 2009, the fund balance in the account was \$69. During 2009 calendar year, the account earned \$ 4 in interest. The County Clerk transferred the balance in this account to the 2009 fee account during 2009 calendar year. The balance as of December 31, 2009 is zero.

Note 5. Condemnation Account

The County Clerk established a bank account for the retention of unclaimed funds as a result of property condemnation. Funds are held in this account when the Circuit Court Clerk is unable to locate the property owners. This account had a balance of \$2,662 on December 31, 2009. During the year the account earned interest of \$10 for a balance of \$2,672 as of December 31, 2009. According to KRS 393.090, property is assumed abandoned after three (3) years and monies should be remitted to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

Note 6. Lease

- A. The Office of the County Clerk was committed to a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage machine and scale. The agreement required a quarterly payment of \$144 for twenty-two payments and a final payment of \$100 to be completed September 30, 2009. During 2009 calendar year, the County Clerk made payments totaling \$532. The balance as of December 31, 2009 is zero.
- B. The Office of the County Clerk entered into a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes during 2009 calendar year for a postage machine and scale. The agreement required a quarterly payment of \$162 for twenty quarterly payments. During 2009 calendar year, the County Clerk made payments totaling \$648 leaving a balance of \$2,592 as of December 31, 2009.

Note 7. Help A Veteran Everyday (HAVE) Expenditures

The County Clerk disbursed funds totaling \$1,500 for HAVE promotional items. These funds were subsequently reimbursed by the Leslie County Fiscal Court.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Leslie County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 2011. The County Clerk's financial statement is prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Leslie County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
(Continued)

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Leslie County Clerk's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2009, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Leslie County Fiscal Court, and the Department for Local Government and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

February 14, 2011

